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1. Vishinsky uncompromising on Berlin-- Secretary of State Acheson reports from Paris that on the question of four-power control the Soviet Government is apparently no more prepared to compromise on Berlin than on Germany as a whole and that the Council of Foreign Ministers is deadlocked on the question of the veto. The Secretary comments that the foreign ministers are so far apart on Berlin that it is difficult to see how any agreement can be reached for the reunification of Berlin, no matter what may develop in other aspects of the Berlin question. He adds that Vishinsky showed no inclination in a private meeting to compromise on his adamant stand in the CFM.
2. French desire US arms to defend Chinese frontier in Indochina-- French Chief of Staff Revers has informed the US Consul in Hanoi of recent decisions regarding French military strategy in Indochina and has indicated that an entire regiment in French Zone Germany is being stripped of certain types of arms to make a defense of the Chinese frontier possible. Revers also indicated that French forces in North Africa are already being called upon to furnish men and materiel at a rate which will reduce units there "beyond a minimum regarded as prudent." In reiterating the pressing need for US arms, landing craft and aircraft, Revers implied he believes it unnecessary that US permission be obtained for the dispatch of US-built aircraft from North Africa to Indochina.

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